

## WHAT TO RECYCLE

At a minimum, all non-residential buildings, apartments, condominiums, and houses must recycle the required materials listed below.

### Recycle:

- Paper



- Cardboard



- Plastic and glass bottles and jars



- Metal containers - empty aerosol cans, aluminum and metal cans.



## WHY RECYCLE?

The recycling ordinance is essential in assisting San Diego to:

- **Meet the state mandated waste diversion rate of 50 percent.** If the diversion rate is not maintained, the City could face fines of up to \$10,000 per day.
- **Extend the life of the Miramar Landfill,** which is forecasted to close in 2012.
- **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and conserve natural resources.** Making products from recycled materials uses less energy and water, and pollutes less.
- **Save money.** Implementing a recycling program can lower trash bills with fewer trash pick-ups.

The focus of the Recycling Ordinance is to achieve compliance through education and technical assistance, but fines may be assessed in cases where education and assistance have been offered and the violator continues to fail to meet the requirements of the ordinance.

## RESOURCES

For more information on the City of San Diego Recycling Ordinance (SDMC 66.0701 et seq.), how to comply, exemption criteria, educational signage, enforcement guidelines, and lists of franchise haulers and certified recyclers, visit the Environmental Services Website at :

[www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services)

or contact customer service at

**858-694-7000**



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# Recycling Ordinance

## Guidelines and Overview



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## RECYCLING ORDINANCE PHASES

### SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES

January 1, 2008

- All City-serviced customers who have a blue recycling container or greenery collection\*

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- Residences with private collection service\*\*

#### Customers must:

- Separate recyclables from trash, and
- Place recyclables in designated container.



\* Residents who only have a City of San Diego black trash container may request a blue recycling container by calling 858-694-7000. Availability depends on current inventory. City-serviced customers should also recycle yard waste in areas where greenery collection is available.

\*\* Single family residents must contact their homeowner's association, franchise hauler, or a recycler to set up a recycling program for their home.

### APARTMENTS AND CONDOMINIUMS

January 1, 2008

- All City-serviced customers\*

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- Complexes with 100 residential units or more

January 1, 2009

- Complexes with 50 residential units or more

January 1, 2010

- All apartment and condominium complexes

\* See Single Family Residences section.

### BUSINESSES AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

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- 20,000 square feet or more

January 1, 2009

- 10,000 square feet or more

January 1, 2010

- All businesses

### REQUIREMENTS FOR APARTMENTS, CONDOMINIUMS AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

#### Property managers and owners must provide:

##### • Recycling services:

- ~ Apartments and condominiums require collection of recyclables at least twice a month.
- ~ Businesses and non-residential buildings require collection of recyclables as frequently as necessary.
- ~ Collection of at least plastic and glass bottles and jars, paper, newspaper, metal containers and cardboard.†
- ~ Designated recycling collection areas.
- ~ Appropriate recycling containers and signage.

†Different businesses have different kinds of waste and may need to recycle additional materials (such as wood pallets or scrap metal) depending on their waste stream.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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- All special events held on public property that require a permit from the City of San Diego.



- Education annually, upon occupancy and when there are changes to the program. Signage and educational materials must include:

- ~ Types of materials accepted in recycling program.
- ~ Location of the recycling containers.
- ~ Responsibilities for participants.

#### All tenants/occupants must:

- Separate recyclables from trash, and
- Place recyclables in the designated containers.